

Claims:

1. A tablet comprising a core containing active substance and a compression coating surrounding the core, wherein the core contains a colourant or other excipient such that when the tablet is exposed to penetrating radiation the core is contrasted with the coating and is visible through the coating.
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2. A tablet according to claim 1 wherein the core contains a colourant that is red iron oxide.
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3. A tablet according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the core contains an excipient that is opaque to x-rays.
4. A tablet according to claim 3 wherein the excipient is barium sulphate.
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5. A tablet according to any of the preceding claims wherein the colourant is present in amounts of 0.1% to about 1.75% by weight based on the total amount of the tablet.
- 20 6. A tablet according to claim 3 or claim 4 wherein the excipient is present in amounts of 0.1 to 2% based on the weight of the tablet.
7. A tablet according to any of the preceding claims wherein the active substance is a glucocorticosteroid selected from prednisone, prednisolone or methylprednisolone.
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8. A tablet according to any of the preceding claims in unit dosage form containing 1 or 5 mg prednisone.
9. A method of forming a tablet as defined in any of the preceding claims comprising the step of compressing coating material in granulate powder form around the core.
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10. The use of a colouring agent or an excipient opaque to x-ray radiation in the core of a press-coated tablet comprising a core containing an active substance, and a coating surrounding said core, as a means for determining that the core is correctly located within the coating.